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MINING EXCHANGE.

It is Probable That El Paso Will Push the Thing to a Success.

"The movement for a mining exchange is the most important move El Paso ever made," said W. S. Gage, of Silver City at the Sheldon. Mr. Gage is an extensive operator and speculator in mining properties and like many others is now practically making El Paso his headquarters. "It will make El Paso one of the most important mining centers in the west," he continued, "and will protect speculators from the work of professional fakes. Many eastern people have lost thousands of dollars in this country because they were not protected against fakers and are now slow to catch on here. They know there are many valuable mines out here but they have no way to detect the fakers and are afraid to take hold. If the mining exchange is properly established here and backed by responsible men, investors will

stock in here by the thousands. An association is all that is necessary at first and with that an exchange will soon come of its self. As it is now, if a man wants to buy stock it will cost him the value of the stock to investigate the standing of the men offering the shares. This should be remedied and can best be done by organizing a mining association backed by responsible people."—Herald.

Now in Operation.
The new box factory and planing mill began working last Saturday. It has a capacity of from six to eight million feet of lumber per annum. Thirty men and boys have employment in the box and planing mill. There are fifteen machinists in use in the box factory and seven in the planing mill. A good idea of what the Alamogordo Lumber company is doing, and its benefit to the town, can be seen from the fact that it gives steady employment to 140 men and boys, and its monthly payroll is \$5,500.

NEW MINING ASSOCIATION.

Another Splendid Public Enterprise Springs from El Paso's Wide Awake Chamber of Commerce.

MAY MEAN A MINING STOCK EXCHANGE

Such an Institution Would Prove of Incalculable Benefit to the Undeveloped Mining Interests and Would Protect Foreign Investors.

The El Paso Chamber of Commerce is demonstrating that it is capable of being useful to the country tributary to El Paso, as well as of incalculable benefit to local interests. The latest move on the part of this wide awake organization is the proposed formation of an international mining association, and rustlers are now in the field securing membership. The first meeting will be held in El Paso carnival week and the organization perfected. It is expected that representatives of the reputable mining companies operating in New Mexico, Arizona, Texas and Mexico will be present and that the business men of El Paso will swell the membership and assist generally in promoting the success of the enterprise.

The natural outgrowth of the association will be a mining stock exchange, and thus will the needs of the undeveloped mining resources be fully conserved. The association will doubtless make it a point to fully advertise the resources of the various mining districts within the radius of its operations, and the stock exchange will give all foreign mining stock investors the protection they so sadly need at the present time. In the hands of conservative and experienced mining and business men, the exchange would flourish amazingly and would bring many thousands of dollars into this as well as other mining regions. There are a great many mining enterprises of merit now being promoted in the mountainous sections of New Mexico and some of them would develop into bonanzas if they had the backing of a stock exchange and the consequent outlet for its stock. The foreign investor purchases stock with the belief that it will advance in worth, and his desire to know just what he can sell it for at any time. "The word of the stock seller, or the secretary of a mining company, is not sufficient for the man of sound business judgment. Stock must bear the stamp of legitimacy issued by the mining exchange and represented by daily quotations.

El Paso desires to emulate Colorado Springs and Denver, and it can attain a prominence in mining circles similar to those cities only through a mining exchange. With the exception of "grubstaking," the real mining of Colorado is done through the stock exchanges of the cities, where Eastern and foreign gold is exchanged for certificates of stock which later bring to the holders monthly dividend checks. The amount of business transacted between the exchanges and mines is incalculable. The exchanges furnish the sinews for development and keep the dinner pails full until the ore bodies are opened and smelter checks received, after which the ore shipments are the regulators of stock value. Through the exchange foreign holders of stock are enabled to keep constantly advised of the real worth of their investment.

With a clean, business-like exchange in operation, there is no reason why El Paso should not become the consuming maw of the wealth of the Southwest. With its banks as depositories for the gold and silver extracted from the hills or the currency received from the sale of lead, copper, zinc and iron, that city naturally becomes the business and home center for mining operators and investors who desire to keep in close touch with their investments. Many of the business men of that city will speculate in stocks, and some will receive rich remuneration for their courage. Money so gained is conducive to local pride and liberality. Many of Denver's most beautiful buildings are monuments to the public spiritedness of mining men who struck it rich in the mountains of Leadville and Cripple Creek. It is not necessary to seek Eastern capital for building up a town when the local resources will enrich home individuals. The experience of the Denver and

Colorado Springs exchanges should prove a lesson to El Paso mining and business men in conducting an exchange. The rampant wildcatism incident to the Cripple Creek boom loaded the exchanges with listed stocks of no value whatever, many of the companies not even owning a foot of ground and hundreds having holdings outside of the mineral belt, or claims which did not show a vein of any sort. Wash sales of these worthless stocks were made daily until they had sufficient standing to warrant working off considerable blocks on Eastern "suckers." In consequence, investors soon learned a lesson which brought the exchanges into disrepute and decreased the whole stock sales so decidedly that it became a question of whether or not it was advisable to abandon business altogether. Finally the boards were purged of worthless stocks and confidence restored. The worth of stock is, of course, based on the capitalization of the companies, the acreage, the development, the veins shown, the ore bodies opened, the smelter returns, the shipping facilities, etc. The exchange should be offered by men who realize these things and who are honest enough to endeavor to protect Eastern investors, and firm enough to determine that they will not bring discredit on El Paso or the mining resources of the Southwest by permitting friends to list stocks of no value.

This section can give an El Paso exchange a dozen reputable stocks for listing purposes and every miner, business man and prospector will work ardently for the success of the enterprise. Many will do business through the exchange and will doubtless make their homes in that city by reason of their business relations with the mining men and brokers. When the exchange is once in operation El Pasoans will awaken to a realization that it is of greater importance to them than an electric street railway or any other contemplated improvement.

Wedding in High Life.
William Stott, son of Magoo, an old Mesquero Indian chief, and Hattie Gordo, a Mesquero Indian belle, were married on Thanksgiving day by Rev. Father Mignon at the Mesquero agency. Shortly before the time appointed for the ceremony the groom became frightened at the crowd assembled for the occasion, mounted his horse and rode away, occasioning a postponement of the ceremony for several hours until the recalcitrant groom could be found. Neither side of the contracting parties were able, when asked, to give the names of their mothers. They knew their fathers.

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Southern Methodist Church.
The first quarterly meeting of the Southern Methodist church will be held in Alamogordo next Saturday and Sunday, December 8th and 9th. There will be services on Saturday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; quarterly conference at 3 p. m. There will be preaching on Sunday at 11 a. m., followed by communion service and preaching again at 7 p. m. The presiding elder, Rev. E. F. Goodson, will be present and have charge of the services. It is the intention of the pastor to protect this quarterly meeting occasion and he extends a cordial invitation to all the ministers of the city and to all the Christian people generally to be present during the services and lend a helping hand.

LETTER LIST.
Letters remaining uncalled for in the postoffice at Alamogordo, N. M., for the week ending, December 1, 1900:
Cochran, Wm Carrasco, Ramon Duran, Ambrosia Davis, Mrs. Lola Ferman, Regus Halladay, Fannie Murphy, Peter S. (2) Whitney, Geo C Young, Fred.

If the above letters are not called for in two weeks they will be sent to the Dead Letter Office, Washington, D. C. F. M. RHOADS, P. M.

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ARMORY HALL THROWN OPEN

First Annual Ball of the Lafayette Emmett Guard. Territorial Militia, Is a Decided Success.

BOYS AND GIRLS HAVE A GOOD TIME.

History of the Organization and Some of the Things Which Have Tended to Retard Its Growth—Flourishing Nevertheless.

The ball given by the members of the Emmett Guard on Thanksgiving night at the Armory hall was a decided success and proved to be one of the most enjoyable social events of the season. The hall was elegantly decorated with the national colors and the members of the company in full uniform scattered among the beautiful toilettes and the sombre black of the gentlemen, presented a striking and somewhat martial picture.

Sixty couples were on the floor, when, at about 9 o'clock, the stirring strains of a march played by the string band in attendance broke over the assemblage, and until the wee sma' hours of the morning, many tripped the light fantastic. A dainty collation was served during the evening and, in fact, everything pertaining to the affair was indeed recherche, even to the artistic programmes.

The success of the affair was in a great measure due to the personal efforts of Messrs. S. H. Wallace, A. L. Whitman, A. D. Ryan, A. A. Smith, Clinton Hathaway and J. L. Whitton, the gentlemen having the affair in charge. All those in attendance voted the occasion one of delight and the Guard royal entertainers.

Since the organization of the company, September 25th, the members have worked quietly and ceaselessly to build up the militia, minding their own business meanwhile, and disregarding the obstacles set out by kickers and cranks, until now the muster roll shows seventy-one names; fifty-one members having been uniformed and equipped and brought to a standard of efficiency unexcelled by any other company in the territory. The pathway to success has not been one of roses. Alamogordo has a generous quota of blatant, brass-mouthed obstructionists who decry every enterprise, public or private, and a goodly supply of swaggering smart-alecks who imagine that they display intelligence by referring to the Guard as "tin soldiers," etc. The sneering, scoffing element referred to above are invariably "tin horns" of the first water and men who have never contributed a dollar to the upbuilding of the town. They are irresponsible leeches, hanging onto the community by their eyebrows and kicking at everything in general because they have neither the manhood, decency nor courage to act otherwise. If they have ever served their country in any manner, or offered to, some disgrace will be found attached to their records. It has been discouraging and galling at times for the militia men to buck against such influences, and in consequence, a few of the weak-kneed recruits dropped out of the organization and allied themselves with its deriders. The others merely took note of the hostile attitude of a few members of the community and determined to get even when the organization should become powerful enough to exert a political, social and commercial influence in the town.

Many who are misinformed relative to the mission and composition of the company looked with disfavor on it and expressed the fear that it would prove antagonistic to the interests of the "laboring men." This is the most ludicrous supposition imaginable, for nine-tenths of the members of the company are laboring men in every sense that the words imply, and many of them are union men in good standing in their various trades organizations. But they are not the sort of laboring men who go to their work with hate for their employers in their hearts or murder and riot in their brains. They have a wholesome respect for the laws of their country and favor impartial justice in all matters pertaining to labor difficulties. They are not savages nor ignorant brutes. In fact, they present a direct antithesis, by being disciplined and

taught that the highest type of American manhood is "a soldier and a gentleman" combined.

It is gradually being recognized throughout the country that members of national guard organizations make the most faithful, industrious and obedient laborers, and laboring men have not been slow to take advantage of the preference shown by employers, and join such organizations. No member of a militia company is ignorant of the laws of his land or of the consequences involved in breaking them. He is not impudent, bullying, cowardly or lazy. On the contrary, he is a most desirable citizen in any civilized community, and a faithful, competent employee.

Notwithstanding the many things which tend to militate against the success of the company, the Emmett Guard has, in addition to perfecting its organization, constantly increased its membership, and purchased a \$100 gymnasium outfit. Through it many fine young specimens of manhood are being built up, and the moral effect of the institution has been unmistakably praiseworthy. The armory hall has become a favorite rendezvous and the amusements offered there are inexpensive and as pure as those afforded by any house circle. Rowdiness, drunkenness and gambling are strictly barred and the restraint taught is manifested in other places outside of the armory hall.

Very little encouragement has been given the club or company by the business community and it has been difficult at times for the boys to bear the burden of dues and assessments, but they have invariably responded uncomplainingly. The first business man to voluntarily contribute to the organization was C. J. Fillmore, superintendent of the Alamogordo Lumber company, a fair and just employer, a friend to laboring men, and a man who holds a secure place in the

affections of the militia boys. Others who followed later with voluntary contributions and who have given their moral support and earnest consideration to the organization are: A. S. Greig, superintendent of the White Oaks route; W. S. Baker, W. S. Shepherd, J. H. Laurie, E. J. Dedman, G. C. Scipio and G. J. Wolfinger. That the boys are thankful for the friendship of these gentlemen is past gainsaying, and they only await an opportunity to express their gratitude.

It is the aim of the members to build up a military organization second to none in the Southwest and one to which every citizen of Alamogordo can point with just pride as a credit to the town. Few towns the size of Alamogordo can build up such a company, and it is worthy of boasting of at any time and in any place.

They Attend Church.
Thirty members of the Alamogordo Militia company attended divine service last Sunday at the Grace M. E. church. The boys were in uniforms and presented a striking appearance while marching to and from the house of worship. Rev. R. R. Reynolds preached a splendid sermon, mainly for the benefit of company. As the militia is made up of men embracing all denominations they will attend, alternately, each of the churches, in a body. Besides setting a good example for others, the militia men show that their sense of stern adherence to duty and war like propensities covers hearts that beat responsive to noble and holy ideals.

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